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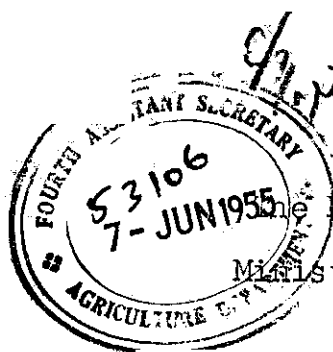
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ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

to

the Hon'ble Sri M. BHAKTHAVATSALAM, B.A., B.L.,
Minister for Agriculture, Industries and Forests,
Government of Madras.



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Honoured Sir,

We have immense pleasure to welcome you heartily to Kollegal which is a remotely-situated and economically-backward taluk in the Madras State and we feel it our humble duty to express our sincere gratefulness to you for your kind visit.

2/ Scarcity of rains and consequent failure of crops are a by-word in this taluk, but these can be greatly mitigated by providing adequate irrigation facilities. We are very much pained to state that for the last several decades no tangible improvement has been effected so far as irrigation is concerned and this fact calls for immediate attention of the Government to tide over the growing dissatisfaction among the people. The Honnahalla Project and the scheme for widening and deepening the Gundal channel, though talked of very often, have not taken any definite shape. Almost all the irrigation tanks fed by the Gundal channel have been silted and as a result have become too shallow to hold water required for at least one complete crop, let alone for the whole year.

Hence we request that necessary orders may kindly be issued for (a) the early execution of the Honnahalla Project, (b) Widening and deepening the Gundal Channel which feeds the chain of tanks and (c) desilting of all the irrigation tanks in this taluk.

3/ The supply of electricity for well irrigation in the rural parts, is a dire need in order to grow more food and solve the unemployment and underemployment problems among

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among the rural folk. Therefore it is requested that the Honourable Minister will see to the extension of electricity from Kollegal town to the suburbs and nearby villages to facilitate well irrigation. Besides, electric pump sets may be supplied to deserving agriculturists on a loan-basis and the cost recovered in easy and convenient instalments. Thus, the scheme of installing adequate electric pump sets in the rural parts will certainly fulfil one of the most important objects contemplated in the Second Five-Year Plan, namely the solution of the unemployment problem.

✓ In spite of the fact that Kollegal is a forest taluk, it is difficult to get firewood at moderate rates. This can be attributed to the system of issue of patta passes for a distant villager to come to the Forest Range Office and obtain a pass causes inordinate inconvenience and undue delay. Hence we request that the former system of issue of patta passes by the Village Officials of the Revenue Department may be revived or as an alternative we suggest that the Forester proximate to the village may be empowered to issue the passes direct.

5 The prosperity of Kollegal Taluk, from time immemorial, is dependent on the state of sericulture industry and therefore we request that no efforts will be spared to expand the industry in its factory and research-sections (which are now providing plenty of employment facilities to the people) and to give more encouragement to mulberry-growers, silk-worm rearers, charka reelers and silk-cloth weavers. // 6 During the monsoon season, the traffic in the Hanur - Cowdalli road and Kollegal - Bylore road will be held up due to sudden and swift floods of water in the jungle streams on the way. Hence, it is requested that bridges may be constructed wherever necessary and especially over the Uduthorehalla and Gundal river.

PMB(RDP) *7* Finally, we request this taluk may be included in the Community Project Scheme or the National Extension Service.

We fervently hope that the Honourable Minister will consider the various demands aforesaid sympathetically and do the needful in matters concerning his department and apprise his colleagues in the Cabinet in matters of other departments.

Yours faithfully,

Kollegal, 1
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President and Members
of the Kollegal Congress Committee.

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Agri. (C.IV) Dept. ²

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Sub: Address of welcome presented to the
Minister for Agriculture by the Kollegal
Congress Committee - Representatives

Extracts from the address of
welcome presented to the Minister for
Agriculture by the Kollegal Congress
Committee may be communicated to
P.W., D.L.C. and Pub. (R.D.P.) Depts.
for ^{necessary action} such action as is deemed necessary

pp 1-5 c.f.
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Date
To

P.W. Dept (with an extract of
para 1-3 and 6 on
pp. 1-3 c.f. 5)

D.L.C. Dept (" para 3 on p. 3 c.f.)

Pub. (R.D.P.) (" para 7 on p. 5 c.f.)

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Sub: Forests - Coimbatore District - Kollegal taluk
Firewood - Issue of patta permits -
Representation

Ref: Address of Welcome presented to the
Minister for Agriculture by the Kollegal
Congress Committee.

pp. 1-5 c.f.

In its address of welcome on pages
1-5 c.f., the Kollegal Congress Committee has
made the following requests:-

para 2 on p. 1 c.f.

(1) That certain irrigational facilities
in Kollegal taluk may be speeded up;

para 3 on pp. 1-3 c.f.

(2) That electricity may be extended
to Kollegal and its suburbs;

'A' on p. 3 c.f.

(3) That electric pump sets may be
supplied to deserving ryots on loan basis

'M' on p. 3 c.f.

(4) That the system of issuing patta
permits for firewood may be revived in
Kollegal;

para 5 on p. 5 c.f.

(5) That Sericulture industry in Kollegal
Taluk may be encouraged;

'P' on p. 3 c.f.

(6) That bridges may be constructed in
Kollegal taluk wherever necessary; and

para 7 on p. 5 c.f.

(7) That Kollegal taluk may be included
in Community Projects or National Extension
Service Schemes.

2. This Dept. is concerned with item

(4) only. This is already under the consi-
deration of the Govt. The C.C.F. has been
asked to report ^{as to} what action has been taken

M on p. 3 c.f.

* Separate file.
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Linked below.

✓ p. 9 c.f. of L.F.

~~on proposal to take~~ for the quick issue
of ~~Form II~~ (Form II) permits in Kollegal taluk, and
how far it has been effective in easing the firewood situation in the locality.
His reply is awaited. Hence no action is
called for on this request. For orders.

3. As regards the other requests, P.W.D.
is concerned with items (1), (2), (3) and
(6) on p. 1 above. I.L.E. and Pub. (R.D.P.)
Depts. are concerned with items (5) and (7)
respectively. Relevant extracts from the
welcome address may be sent to those
Depts. for such action as is deemed
necessary. For orders. Subject to orders,
a draft U.O. Note is submitted below for
approval.

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JR
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(Dated as U.O. Note No. 53106.E.10/55-1,
dated 15.6.55)